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RE:

U.S. Patent Application Entitled "Method and Apparatus for Delivering Natural Gas to Remote Locations"  
Serial No.: 10/822,451  
Reference No.: SMA581/4-001CONUS

Dear Sir:

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1. *Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);*
2. *Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB08B (2 pages); and*
3. *Copies of Cited References (4 documents).*

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IN RE APPLICATION:























GROUP ART UNIT:

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR DELIVERING NATURAL  
GAS TO REMOTE LOCATIONS

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Applicants' duty, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, to disclose all relevant material, Applicants list below the following references believed to be relevant to the subject matter of the above-identified application:

	<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1.	6,089,022	07/18/2000	Zednik et al.
2.	6,298,671	10/09/2001	Kennelley et al.

3. California Coastal Commission Final Report Evaluating and Ranking LNG Terminal Sites May 24, 1978

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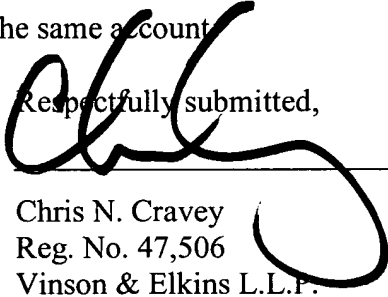
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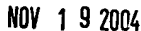
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